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International Search Report dated July 27, 2004 established in International Patent Application PCT/EP2004/003703, of which this application is the U.S. national stage.

**CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY  
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EP 1 065 306 and US 6,286,560 are listed in the appended International Search Report dated July 27, 2004 established in PCT/EP2004/003703. The relevancy of these documents is evident from the Search Report.

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US 6,186,190 corresponds to EP 0946801.  
US 5,617,901 corresponds to EP 0726345.  
US 6,525,496 corresponds to WO 99/27426.

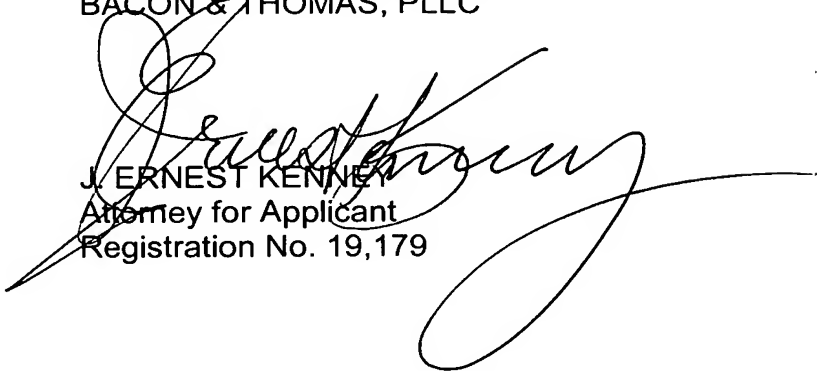
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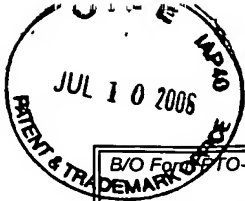


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